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1. IN ORDER INITIATE EXCHANGE DISCUSSED PARA 4 REFTEL, DEPT
PROPOSES SOVIETS RECEIVE SEVEN PERSON DELEGATION ON VOCATION
-AL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS JUNE.
DELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED BY DR. WILLIAM F. PIERCE, DEPUTY
COMMISSIONER OF OCCUPATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION, US OFFICE
OF EDUCATION. OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS WOULD BE SPECIALISTS
IN FIELD AND WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS AMERICAN VOCATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES, AS
WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUCH
AS CENTER FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

2. USDEL PROPOSES FOLLOWING TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

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A. OVERVIEW OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND

PLANNING OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, INCLUDING
LONG-RANGE PROJECTIONS.

B. PROGRAMS FOR 8-YEAR SCHOOL GRADUATES IN VOCATIONAL
SCHOOLS AND TECHNICUMS AND PROGRAMS FOR 10-YEAR SCHOOL GRAD-
UATES IN TECHNICUMS. DEL REQUESTS VISITS TO SUCH PROGRAMS,
TO FACTORY SCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT OR IN-
NOVATIVE PROGRAMS IN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
AT THESE LEVELS.

C. SYSTEM FOR STUDENT OCCUPATIONAL SELECTION. DEL WOULD
APPRECIATE DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT AT GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES
NAMED IN "A" ABOVE AND IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

D. TEACHER TRAINING IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION. DEL WOULD AP-
PRECIATE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT AND VISITS TO ANY PROGRAMS SPEC-
IFICALLY DESIGNED TO TRAIN TEACHERS OF VOCATIONAL OR TECHNIC
-AL SUBJECTS.

E. RETRAINING OF ADULT POPULATION. DEL WOULD LIKE TO VISIT
PART-TIME (EVENING AND CORRESPONDENCE) PROGRAMS FOR WORKING
ADULTS AND OTHER PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO RETRAIN ADULTS FOR
CHANGING TECHNOLOGY.

F. INFORMAL EDUCATION IN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL AREAS IN
PALACES OF CULTURE. DEL WOULD APPRECIATE VISITS TO SUCH
PROGRAMS.

3. DEL WISHES TO VISIT THREE INDUSTRIAL CITIES INCLUDING
SVERDLOVSK.

4. USDEL WOULD OF COURSE BE PREPARED TO PRESENT US VIEWS
AND EXPERIENCE ON ABOVE SUBJECTS AND WOULD ALSO LOOK FORWARD
TO DISCUSSION OF ANY ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS IN WHICH THE
SOVIETS HAVE PARTICULAR INTEREST.

5. WE REALIZE EMBASSY HAS TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR VOCA-
TIONAL AND TECHNICAL DEL IN FALL AND THE SOVIETS MAY BE REL-
UCTANT RECEIVE DEL ON RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE, BUT ARE SUG-
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GESTING JUNE DATES BECAUSE DEL CHAIRMAN AVAILABLE AT THAT
TIME. IF SOVIETS UNABLE RECEIVE DEL IN JUNE, WE WOULD AT-
TEMPT TO RESCHEDULE IN FALL.

6. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THAT SOVIETS MAY BE RELUCTANT TO TAKE
MORE THAN FIVE MAN DEL. DEL COULD BE PARED TO FIVE IF THIS
IS ONLY STICKING POINT RE SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF JUNE DATE. KISSINGER

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